Year	Employment	Percentage change
1987	62.72	0.1
1988	62.61	-0.2
1989	62.45	-0.3
1990	63.27	1.3
1991	63.33	0.1
1992	64.27	1.5
1993	63.96	-0.5
1994	64.14	0.3
1995	66.21	3.2
1996	66.58	0.6
1997	71.29	7.1
1998	68.52	-3.9
1999	67.43	-1.6
2000	66.15	-1.9
2001	64.43	-2.6

New wage board for journalists

1058. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a new wage board for the employees of newspapers across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when a decision would be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): The Manisana Wage Board has submitted its recommendations only in July, 2000 which have been accepted by the Government with minor modifications. Therefore, it may be too early to constitute next Wage Board for newspaper employees, working journalists, non-journalists workers in newspaper and news agencies.